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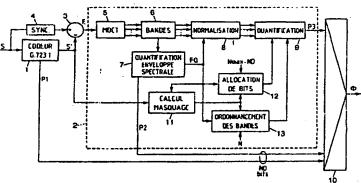
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(54) Titre: PROCEDE DE CODAGE ET DE DECODAGE AUDIO A DEBIT VARIABLE



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6:- BANDS 7:- QUANTISATION OF SPECTRAL ENVELOPE

9:- QUANTISATION 11:- CALCULATION OF MASKING

12:- BIT ALLOCATION 13:- ORDERING OF BANDS

(57) Abstract: A maximum of Nmax bits for encoding is defined for a set of parameters which may be calculated from a signal frame. The parameters for a first sub-set are calculated and encoded with N0 bits, where N0 < Nmax. The allocation of Nmax -NO encoding bits for the parameters of a second sub-set are determined and the encoding bits allocated to the parameters for the second sub-set are classified. The allocation and/or order of classification of the encoding bits are determined as a function of the encoding parameters for the first sub-set. For a total of N available bits for the encoding of the total parameters (NO < N = Nmax), the parameters for the second sub-set allocated the N - NO encoding bits classified the first in said order are selected. Said selected parameters are calculated and encoded to give the N - N0 bits. The N0 encoding bits for the first sub-set and the N - N0 encoding bits for the selected parameters for the second sub-set are finally introduced into the output sequence of the encoder.

(57) Abrégé: Un maximum de Nmax bits de codage est défini pour un ensemble de paramètres calculables d'après une trame de signal. Les paramètres d'un premier sous-ensemble sont calculés et codés sur N0 bits, avec N0 < Nmax. On détermine une allocation de Nmax - N0 bits de codage pour les paramètres d'un second sous-ensemble, et on classe les bits de codage alloués

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aux paramètres du second sous-ensemble. On détermine l'allocation et/ou l'ordre de classement des bits de codage en fonction des paramètres codés du premier sous-ensemble. Pour un total de N bits disponibles pour le codage de l'ensemble de paramètres (N0 < N ≤ Nmax), on sélectionne les paramètres du second sous-ensemble auxquels sont alloués les N - N0 bits de codage classés les premiers dans ledit ordre. Ces paramètres sélectionnés sont calculés et codés pour produire les N - N0 bits. Les N0 bits de codage du premier sous-ensemble et les N - N0 bits de codage des paramètres sélectionnés du second sous-ensemble sont finalement insérés dans la séquence de sortie du codeur.